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Senior PGA Championship canceled

Tournament won't be held this year due to virus; will return to Harbor Shores in 2022

By BEN SANDERS
HP Sports Editor

BENTON HARBOR — Harbor Shores will have to wait until 2022 for its next chance to host the Kitchen Aid Senior PGA Championship.

The 2020 version has been canceled, Kitchen Aid and the PGA of America announced today, citing the shelter-in-place order in Michigan due to COVID-19 and the uncertainty of future timelines.

Don Campbell / HP file photo

Rocco Mediate waves to the gallery as he approaches the 18th green during the final round of the 2016 Senior PGA Championship at The Golf Club at Harbor Shores.

The tournament, one of five majors on the PGA Tour Champions, was scheduled for May 19-24. Harbor Shores has been the host of the event in even-numbered years since 2012, and will host again in 2022 and 2024.

"We're all collectively

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'It's our Super Bowl'

Local leaders discuss economic ramifications of event cancellation

By TONY WITTKOWSKI
HP Staff Writer

BENTON HARBOR — With the 2020 KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship now officially canceled, Southwest Michigan leaders can only look to the future return of the event for solace.

The 81st annual championship, which was scheduled for May 19-24, has previously brought in millions in revenue to area businesses, along with the type of exposure only a national event can bring to Southwest Michigan.

In response to the tournament being shelved this year, Cornerstone Alliance President Rob Cleveland said the circumstances surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic deemed the decision necessary.

But as the leader of an economic development organization, Cleveland acknowledged his disappointment, because the event does a number of things for the Twin Cities.

"It brings a lot of people here and it brings a lot of

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Mendel Center announces online entertainment series

By HP STAFF

BENTON HARBOR — To keep local arts alive during COVID-19 social distancing measures, The Mendel Center at Lake Michigan College is introducing a new, online series: Remotely Interested: Live to Your Living Room.

Six more online events will be delivered via Facebook Live. The lineup features local and regional artists, who will perform from their homes or studios.

The series lineup includes:

■ Dan Maxon: 7 p.m. today. A local singer/songwriter and guitarist, Maxon has a fondness for rock, folk and jazz. He channels these genres through his acoustic style.

■ Omri Geva, creator of "Aureum: An Aerial and Acrobatic Adventure Tale": 7 p.m. Saturday. COVID-19 caused The Mendel Center to postpone "Aureum," but Geva will be online to say hello and conduct an exclusive Q&A session about the show.

■ Sunny Wilkinson with Ron Newman: 7 p.m. Tuesday. Wilkinson is a jazz artist, session singer, performer and teacher. She sang on the theme for "Saved by the Bell," and was a Solid Gold singer, backing Marilyn McCoo and Dionne Warwick. Newman, a professor of music theory at Michigan State University, will join her on piano.

■ Masa Sekioka: 7 p.m. April 12. Sekioka, originally from Japan and an LMC alum, is a pianist and student at the University of Southern Maine. His approach to music is mainly influenced by jazz.

■ Jaime Marvin: 7 p.m. April 14. Marvin has a diverse repertoire, and her influences are from a vast array of genres. A vocalist, guitarist and drummer, she just released her first album. She performs in concert playing guitar and percussion simultaneously, and usually takes a round or two on the piano.

■ Mike Talbot: 7 p.m. April 18. Talbot is a vocalist, guitarist, pianist, songwriter and radio show host. He's also considered a master painter, and works with his wife, Cat, to create imaginative canvas art.

The Remotely Interested series is free to view at www.facebook.com/mendelcenter.

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Photo provided

Jaime Marvin will perform April 14 as part of The Mendel Center's Remotely Interested series.

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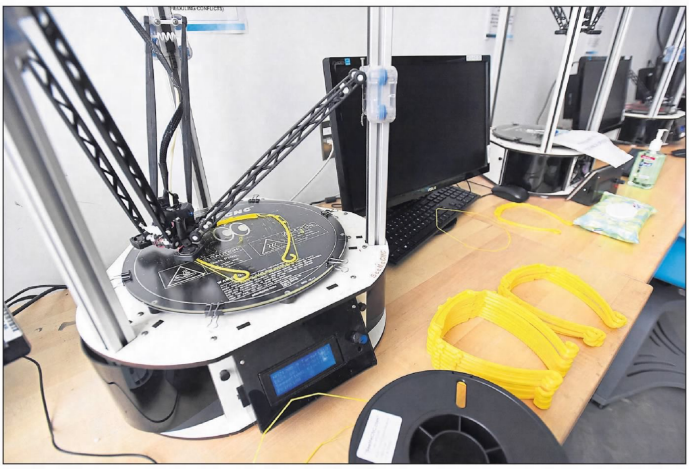

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A 3-D printer is used Wednesday to create the headband for face shields at the Fab Lab at Lake Michigan College's Hanson Technology Center.

Fab Lab to the rescue

LMC technicians create, donate face shields using 3-D printers

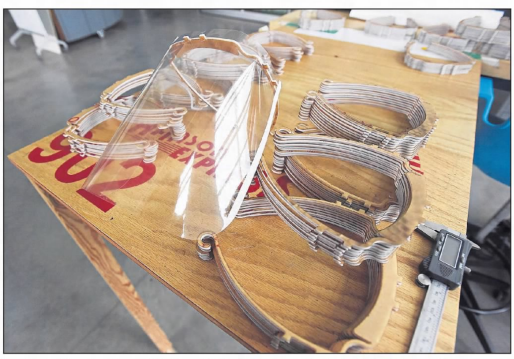
By TONY WITTKOWSKI
HP Staff Writer

BENTON TOWNSHIP — Lake Michigan College's Benton Harbor campus may be closed for the school year, but its Fab Lab is being put to good use.

In the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, a handful of technicians are using LMC's Fab Lab to produce face shields for police officers and other types of workers who must be out in the field to do their jobs.

Chad Dee, director of the Hanson Technology Center, said the process began by figuring out what the community needed and what materials LMC could secure. They landed on face shields and got to work using the same material that other institutions use.

"We messed around with the files to see what we could do. Reprinting the file took about 65 minutes to print the headband and an additional five minutes to cool off and warm up again," Dee said. "We inverted the 3-D file into a laser file and we are now able to produce the headband portion of it in a little over a minute."



Hundreds of headbands, used for face shields, are being created using 3-D printers and laser engravers this week at the Fab Lab at Lake Michigan College's Hanson Technology Center.

Dee said the entire process takes time as 3-D printers don't work as fast as most think. With the face shields, it takes about 25 layers on the 3-D printer to get through.

"Given the materials that we were able to secure at the time, it takes a while to do the layering," Dee said. "We were going to go with the lasering as well."

To produce the main portion of the face shields, volunteers use either 16- or

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Whitmer eyes extending state of emergency to mid-June

By LAUREN GIBBONS
mlive.com

Gov. Gretchen Whitmer is asking Michigan lawmakers to extend the current state of emergency prompted by the COVID-19 pandemic into mid-June so officials can continue to respond to the disease.

Shortly before 5 p.m. Wednesday, Whitmer announced she was formally declaring a state of disaster in Michigan due to the ongoing spread of the coronavirus.

In an accompanying letter to House Speaker Lee Chatfield, R-Levering, and Senate Majority Leader Mike Shirkey, R-Clark Lake, Whitmer asked the legislature to pass a concurrent resolution extending the state's current state of emergency "by 70 days from the date of the resolution."

There have been 9,334 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Michigan, according to statewide data, and 337 people have died from the disease.

Whitmer initially declared a state of emergency on March 10. That order is due to expire Tuesday, April 7.

Chatfield spokesperson Gideon D'Assandro said the House is reviewing the details of the request, but is planning to meet on April 7 to legislatively extend the state of emergency.

On Twitter, Chatfield said Whitmer "remains in the best position" to make decisions on fighting the COVID-19 pandemic, and said the House would extend the state of emergency so she could continue partnering with President Donald Trump to save lives.

Should the legislature grant Whitmer's request in full, that would extend Michigan's state of emergency to June 16.

That's too long, Shirkey said in a statement. Because the circumstances surrounding the virus have changed so rapidly, "we feel a much shorter extension is logical to help protect our citizens and support our health systems," he said.

"We agree that emergency circumstances persist in our state and are prepared to support an extension of the Governor's emergency declaration, but feel a 70-day extension is too long, he said. "Furthermore, we feel it is important to point out that our support for a reasonable extension of the emergency declaration does not transfer to support for a lengthy extension of the current 'Stay Home, Stay Safe' order."

Any emergency extension wouldn't impact other individual orders set to expire on different dates, including the stay-at-home order set to run through April 13 – although those orders could still be extended.

"To meet the steep, varied, and ongoing demands created by the COVID-19 pandemic, my administration must continue to use the full range of tools available to protect the health, safety, and welfare of our state and its residents," Whitmer wrote in the letter. "I welcome you and your colleagues' continued partnership in fighting this pandemic."

Lawmakers have not met for in-person session since Tuesday, March 17.

Rep. Tyrone Carter, D-Detroit, tested positive for COVID-19 last Thursday and has continued to self-isolate at home.

On Sunday night, Detroit Rep. Isaac Robinson died suddenly from complications family members believe were caused by the coronavirus.

Trump allies warn against Whitmer fued

By STEVE PEOPLES and DAVID EGGERT
Associated Press

LANSING — President Donald Trump's allies are trying to contain a politically risky election year fight with Michigan Gov. Gretchen Whitmer as he struggles to balance presidential politics with a global pandemic in one of the nation's most important swing states.

Both sides have tried to de-escalate the feud this week, although Trump's supporters in particular sought to downplay tensions that ratcheted up over the weekend when the Republican president unleashed a social media broadside against Whitmer, a Democrat who had been critical of the federal government's response to the coronavirus outbreak. Trump has clashed with other Democratic governors as well, but he saved his most aggressive insults for the first-term female governor, who is considered a leading vice presidential prospect for his opponent.

"Everyone should be shedding the partisanship and coming together," Republican National Committee Chairwoman Ronna McDaniel said in an interview, suggesting that some of Trump's criticism had been mischaracterized.

"I am rooting for Gov. Whitmer," said McDaniel, who lives in Michigan. "I think she's done good things. ... I just didn't like her trying to lay every problem at the president's feet."

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Wednesday drawings

Michigan
Classic Lotto 47
02-07-09-25-37-38
Poker Lotto
KC-3D-2H-10H-4S
Midday Daily 3
3-5-1
Midday Daily 4
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Daily 3
0-6-0
Daily 4
8-4-0-8
Fantasy 5
04-06-08-18-33
Keno
05-07-08-18-21-23-34-35-40-43-46-48-52-53-58-59-60-62-70-72-77-80
Mega Millions jackpot
$121 million
Powerball jackpot
$170 million

Tuesday drawings

Michigan
Mega Millions
08-17-51-57-70, Mega Ball: 2, Megaplier: 4
Estimated jackpot
$113 million

Indiana
Cash 5
02-08-27-42-44
Cash4Life
18-25-31-45-58, Cash Ball: 1
Quick Draw Midday
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9-4-4, SB: 9
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8-7-8, SB: 5
Daily Four-Midday
9-9-1-6, SB: 9
Daily Four-Evening
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Pick Three-Evening
1-4-8, Fireball: 7
Pick Four-Midday
4-3-3-8, Fireball: 0
Pick Four-Evening
4-4-3-1, Fireball: 4
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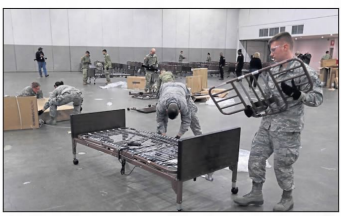
Virus cases top 9,300; new ventilators put to work

By ED WHITE and DAVID EGGERT
Associated Press



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Members of the military assemble some of the beds for use at TCF Center in Detroit on Wednesday to accommodate an overflow of patients with the coronavirus.

DETROIT — The number of Michigan residents who have contracted COVID-19 crept toward 10,000 on Wednesday – one of the highest totals in the U.S. – while the state said hundreds of ventilators from the federal government would be quickly put into service, especially in hard-hit Detroit-area hospitals.

Detroit residents make up 26 percent of the state's cases and 83 of its 337 coronavirus-related deaths. Mayor Mike Duggan credited an aggressive testing program, including a drive-up station at the former state fairgrounds, and predicted higher numbers each day.

He acknowledged that Detroit has a "serious problem" with infections, but he also said it was "disturbing" to read stories that it might be a hot spot because of poverty. Duggan noted that prosperous areas in Michigan, New York and Massachusetts are also struggling with COVID-19, the disease caused by the virus.

"Somebody brought the virus into this community early on," the mayor said. "It spread in this community before we knew what was happening. And the places in this country that are getting hit are the places that were infected first."

The latest

The number of confirmed COVID-19 cases reported statewide jumped Wednesday by 1,719, bringing the total count to 9,334. Meanwhile, deaths rose by 78, which was a 30 percent increase. Only a few states have had more confirmed cases.

Of Michigan's cases, 80 percent have been in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties, which are in the Detroit area.

Nearly 150 prisoners and 25 staff members at various prisons have tested positive, the state Corrections Department said.

Meanwhile, Gov. Gretchen Whitmer declared a disaster and asked lawmakers to extend her previous emergency declaration by 70 days. The Legislature's approval next week would allow the Democrat to stretch a stay-at-home order, although the order might not last for 70 days. Republican Senate Majority Leader Mike Shirkey said he backs an extension of the emergency, but 70 days is too long, and his support does not transfer to a "lengthy" lengthening of the stay-home measure.

The governor has identified ventilators as a critical need. Half of the 400 breathing machines from the government will go to hospitals in southeastern Michigan, the state health department said.

For most people, the coronavirus causes mild or moderate symptoms, such as fever and cough that clear up in two to three weeks. Older adults and people with existing health problems are among those particularly susceptible to more severe illness, including pneumonia.

A University of Washington model cited by the White House projects that Michigan could see a rapid increase in hospitalizations and fatalities, with 3,200 coronavirus-related deaths by May 1.

Rare side effect

Henry Ford Health System reported that it had nearly 600 COVID-19 patients as of Wednesday morning. It also said a 58-year-old woman with the virus developed a rare form of encephalitis – acute necrotizing encephalitis – a central nervous infection that mostly afflicts children.

Dr. Elissa Fory, a Henry Ford neurologist, said all hospitals need to be aware.

"This complication is as devastating as severe lung disease," Fory said.

Flint curfew

The mayor of Flint ordered a 9 p.m. to 6 a.m. curfew, starting Thursday, for 30 days. He said too many people have been gathering in store parking lots, raising the risk of spreading the virus.

"Don't smoke and drink plenty of water. This curfew is so important," said Dr. Lawrence Reynolds, a local physician who joined Mayor Sheldon Neeley.

Roads

Whitmer said construction projects on state roads will continue as long as contractors think it's safe. A trade group, the Michigan Infrastructure & Transportation Association, had asked her to deem the work as nonessential. There will be no penalties if work is delayed due to COVID-19 safety measures and smaller crews. Contractors can request that a project be suspended.

Amazon protest

Some workers protested conditions at an Amazon warehouse in Romulus, southwest of Detroit. The action occurred during a shift change. At least two positive COVID-19 cases have been confirmed there, workers said.

Amazon defended the conditions, telling The Detroit News that it has been "tripling down on deep cleaning" and changing procedures so employees were keeping a safe distance from each other.

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20-gauge clear marine vinyl.

After they determine which material worked best, Dee said they began reaching out to different organizations and posted on social media to find out who needs them.

"We've gotten confirmation from all 21 law enforcement agencies that these are in need," Dee said. "We're also reaching out to long-term care facilities. A lot of them have to wear the same mask every day, but wearing a face shield helps protect that mask from getting soiled."

LMC has also gone to great lengths to ensure the materials are delivered in a sanitary fashion.

Since the coronavirus remains active on plastic and other materials for up to three days, Dee said once the shields are packed and ready to go, they will sit in their respective boxes for three days before people are allowed to pick them up.

As of Wednesday, about 250 shields have been made. Dee said 31 organizations have reached out requesting the shields.

Delivery is expected to begin next week.

Trial and error

For the headband portion of the shields, it took six or seven versions before volunteers found the appropriate size. However, they are still working on a prototype to fit the bands for people with larger heads.

Designing the actual shield was more arduous. Dee said it took nine attempts to get it right on the laser.

"That's not uncommon with the lab," he said. "It takes about 10 seconds to assemble them. You snap the two pieces together, which makes it easier for pickup."

The Fab Lab has received about four different donations so far of the marine vinyl material needed to duplicate the shields. Dee said one large donation of acrylic – which is used for the head bands – is also on the way.

Dee said LMC is being cautious in keeping only one person in the lab at one time, when the 3-D printer is in use for the shields. Throughout the initial process, Dee said one person was there in person to check the durability of the shields by bending the prototypes every which way.

Dee said the time it takes to make a single shield is now down to 2 minutes.

With this in mind, Dee said they hope to make 200 a day if enough material is available.

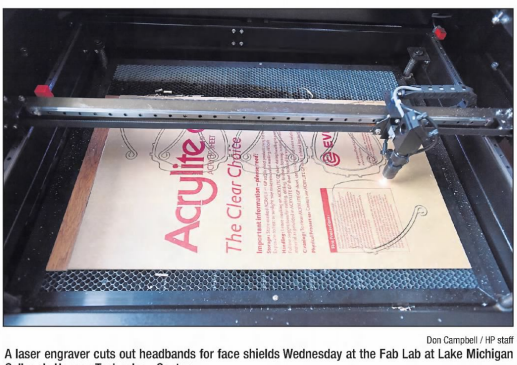
"We've gotten some donations and have a good design," Dee said. "We've requested some people get the word out to see who needs them. It's quite a big undertaking."

Dee recommends not calling, as the majority of employees are working remotely. People can expect a quicker response if they email.

The masks will be available for essential workers, from food prep workers to pharmacists and cashiers.

"What we're asking is if anyone wants them, to email us at the Fab Lab," Dee said. "Once we have production going, we can start sending them out."

People with questions about the shields should contact: fablab@lakemichigancollege.edu.



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A laser engraver cuts out headbands for face shields Wednesday at the Fab Lab at Lake Michigan College's Hanson Technology Center.

A big effort

In addition to the shields being produced by the Fab Lab, the LMC nursing, dental assisting, medical assisting, pharmacy tech, CNA and natural sciences departments have donated 150 isolation gowns, 86 surgical masks, 110 boxes of gloves, eight boxes of masks, a box of face shields and a pack of protective gowns.

People can contribute to LMC's other efforts to produce and donate personal protective equipment by visiting www.lakemichigancollege.edu/support and choosing "Covid Relief Fund."

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It's still OK to laugh

2 Coloma businesses prank each other for April Fool's Day

By LOUISE WREGE
HP Staff Writer

COLOMA — Coloma residents woke up Wednesday to find that the downtown's Subway restaurant was covered in aluminum foil and Soulard's bakery and cafe just four doors down had Subway signs all around it.

Was there a vandal on the loose?

No. The owners of the two businesses decided to prank each other for April Fool's Day.

Taylor Prestidge, owner of Soulard's, said business has been slow since Gov. Gretchen Whitmer ordered over two weeks ago that restaurants can only offer take-out and delivery in an attempt to slow the spread of COVID-19. Prestidge said business slowed down even further a week later when Whitmer ordered all Michigan residents to stay home, except for essential travel.

Prestidge said she challenged Jordan Hurst, the owner of Subway, to a prank war to boost their spirits, along with to give residents something to smile about.

"We thought is would be something fun for us," she said. "We're both a little bit bored because we're so slow. But also, there's so much negative stuff shared on Facebook and the internet and not a lot of positive things out there right now. We thought is would be fun for us but also fun for everyone driving through Coloma."

Hurst said he thought is was a great idea, especially since they are both fairly new business owners. Soulard's is just under 2 years old and Hurst bought Subway last September.

"We're trying to de-stress each other and break the negativity in the town," he said. "We're trying to lighten the mood and cheer each other up."

The Subway restaurant was covered in aluminum foil to turn it into "COVID-Way Bunker."

"We turned his building into a bunker, like when the aliens are attacking, you have to wrap yourself in foil," she said. "... There's a sign that says, 'No Zombies Allowed.' There's another sign that says, 'Free Massage from the Tiger King' (referring to the show on Netflix) with party sub purchase."

Photo provided

The Subway restaurant in Coloma was wrapped in foil Wednesday as part of an April Fool's Day joke.

Hurst placed several Subway signs to the front of Soulard's. He also wrote on the window "Free TP With Purchase" and "Honk for Pickup."

Hurst said he usually employs eight people, but business has been so slow that he's only been able to keep on the job himself, his manager and the store's main closer. He said that changed on Wednesday, when business picked up to the point where he had to call in help.

"I'm hoping it continues," he said.

While the state's restrictions stay in place to stem the pandemic, Soulard's is offering takeout and local delivery, while Subway is offering takeout.

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BENTON HARBOR

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Traffic heads through standing water Wednesday along West Main Street, near Whirlpool Corp.'s Riverview campus in Benton Harbor, as work continues on a temporary pump.

Temporary pump being installed near Main Street

By LOUISE WREGE
HP Staff Writer

BENTON HARBOR — Work continues on the installation of a temporary pump to keep Main Street on the Benton Harbor side of the Bicentennial Bridge dry.

Pete Pfeiffer from the Michigan Department of Transportation said that attempts to "dewater" the groundwater in the soil so the temporary pump can be installed are going slower than anticipated. But that's not stopping other prep work from being done.

He said they are installing valves in the storm sewer system so they have better control over where the water goes.

Main Street is the I-94 Business Loop and the designated route in case of emergencies on I-94, making it a state road. When Main Street floods between the bridge and Riverview Drive, drivers can only reach a handful of businesses in Benton Harbor from that route.

Since last summer, that section of road has flooded numerous times due to the near-record high water level of Lake Michigan, especially when strong winds push water up the St. Joseph River channel.

Work continues Wednesday on the installation of a new pumping station along West Main Street in downtown Benton Harbor.

Pfeiffer said MDOT engineers are still working on a more permanent solution to the flooding problem in the area.

Nick Schirripa, spokesperson for MDOT, said work on most of the agency's projects have been deemed essential, so workers can keep working on them during the COVID-19 crisis.

"There are some functions that are essential to maintaining a road network," he said.

Gov. Gretchen Whitmer last week ordered that all Michigan residents stay home except for essential travel and work in an attempt to stop the spread of the virus. The first two cases in the state were confirmed on March 10. On Wednesday, the state reported that there are now 9,334 confirmed cases, with 337 deaths, which includes one death in Berrien County.

Schirripa said all workers have been directed to maintain a safe distance to avoid spreading the virus. In addition, he said 85 percent of MDOT workers are working out of their homes or some other alternate site.

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Officials: Don't call 9-1-1 with possible COVID-19 violations

Berrien COVID-19 cases now at 38

By HP STAFF

ST. JOSEPH — Residents of Berrien County are being told not to call Berrien County Public Safety Dispatch Center with their questions or concerns regarding possible violations, according to a news release issued jointly Wednesday from several county departments.

"The Berrien County Sheriff's Office is working closely with the Health Department to attempt to handle these calls through the Berrien County COVID-19 Response Hotline at 1-800-815-5485," the release said.

"We need to keep our dispatchers available to answer 9-1-1 calls and other calls for service where a police, fire or EMS response is needed," said Berrien 9-1-1 Director Dave Agens.

Sheriff Paul Bailey is asking residents to review Gov. Gretchen Whitmer's stay-at-home before making a formal complaint, since many exceptions apply. The sheriff's department has established an online tip form to handle the non-emergency reports of violations of the Executive Order issued by the governor. This tip form can be found at: www.bcsheriff.org/ExecutiveOrderTip.

"It is going to take all of us working together and complying with this order to help slow the spread of this virus," said Chief Paul Toliver from the Berrien Springs-Oronoko Township Police Department. "Law enforcement officials across the county are urging people to comply with this order voluntarily. Our goal would be to educate people and warn individuals first and then take enforcement action if the violation continues and it poses a public health concern." Willful violations of the governor's executive orders are a misdemeanor and can also result in a $500 fine.

Meanwhile, the health department noted Wednesday that Berrien County's number of COVID-19 patients rose to 38 confirmed cases. Of those, 12 have recovered.

Health department officials remind residents that based on the increase of COVID-19 cases across the region, residents can assume that there is a possibility the virus may be present when they are in public places, and that social distancing should be practiced.

SH trash hauler halts curbside bulk pickup for now

SOUTH HAVEN — Republic Services, which provides trash pickup for the city of South Haven, has announced that it will temporarily halt curbside bulk pickup for city residents.

Bulk items are large items that will not fit into trash containers, such as furniture. However, residents may use the Republic Services transfer station at 200 Aylworth Ave. to drop off their bulk trash. The transfer station will be open to city of South Haven residents only beginning on Monday, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Yard waste will continue to be picked up at the curb. No yard waste bags are allowed at the transfer station.

An attendant will be on site checking for proof of residency to ensure the transfer station is used by residents only, as well as to monitor traffic flow to promote social distancing/spacing. Additionally, only items that are part of the curbside bulk program will be acceptable.

For more information, contact Republic Services at 877-698-7274.

IN BRIEF

Hassel murder to be featured tonight on Oxygen

ST. JOSEPH — The 2018 New Year's Eve murder of U.S. Army Sgt. Tyrone Hassel III in St. Joseph Township will be featured tonight on the Oxygen cable network.

It is the eighth episode of the 13th season of "Killer Couples."

On Dec. 31, 2018, 22-year-old Hassel was gunned down outside his father's house on Colfax Avenue while staying there on holiday leave with his wife, Kemia, and their baby, Tyrone Hassle IV. An investigation resulted in the arrest and conviction of his wife and her then-lover, Jeremy Cuellar, for the murder. Kemia Hassel and Cueller were both also in the U.S. Army.

Kemia Hassel was found guilty by a Berrien County Jury last July and is serving a sentence of life without parole for first-degree premeditated murder. Cuellar pleaded guilty later in July to second-degree murder and was sentenced to a minimum of 65 years.

Performance Series cancels first show

SOUTH HAVEN — The first concert of the 2020 South Haven Performance Series has been canceled to help contain the spread of COVID-19, according to a news release.

The concert, scheduled for April 24, was to be presented through the Gilmore Keyboard Festival, which has canceled its entire 2020 season. Gilmore International Piano Competition Young Artist Misha Galant was to perform in South Haven.

A decision on the future of other 2020 concerts will be made in the coming weeks, according to the release.

For other planned dates, or for more information, visit southhavenperformanceseries.org.

Driver seriously injured after hitting tree

WATERVLIET — One man was injured Tuesday after his vehicle veered off Carmody Road west of M-140 and hit a tree, according to the Berrien County Sheriff's Office, which was assisted by several departments.

The accident occurred around 6:10 p.m. Upon arrival deputies found that a silver, four-door Buick that was eastbound on Carmody had ran off the road and collided with two large trees before coming to rest in the ditch area on the south side of the road. The driver, William Belter, 37, of Bainbridge Township was taken to Watervliet Hospital, then airlifted to Bronson Hospital in Kalamazoo for possible life-threatening injuries.

This collision remains under investigation by the Berrien County Accident Investigation Team.

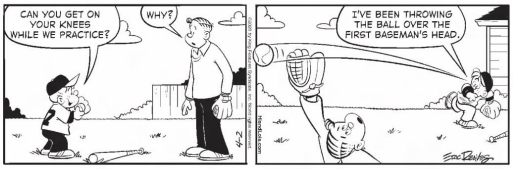
BEETLE BAILEY

SOME MISS THE BASIC FUNCTIONS OF FIRING A RIFLE
SO, LET'S START WITH STEP ONE...
STICK OUT YOUR RIGHT POINTER FINGER
GREG + MORT WALKER

BLONDIE

WOOF! WOOF!
WHY WAS DAISY BARKING, DEAR?
IT WAS MY FAULT
APPARENTLY, WHEN I GAVE HER DINNER, I FORGOT TO TELL HER WHAT A GOOD GIRL SHE IS

HI & LOIS



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WIZARD OF ID

DILBERT

I ACCOMPLISHED FIFTEEN TASKS ON MY TO-DO LIST TODAY.
THAT LEAVES ONLY SEVEN HUNDRED TASKS, NOT COUNTING THE TWENTY-THREE I ADDED TODAY.
I WONDER WHAT WINNING FEELS LIKE.
IT'S GREAT.

GARFIELD

HELP! OH, HELP! A FEROCIOUS CAT!
I DON'T KNOW, GARFIELD. I'M JUST NOT FEELING IT
WHAT?
WHAT IF I ADD A FEW "HA-HA'S?
STICK WITH THE SCRIPT
JIM DAVIS 4-2

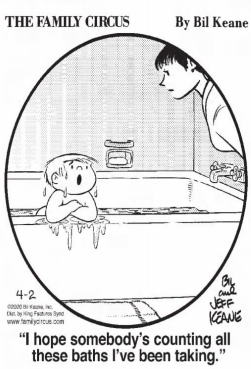
FORT KNOX

YOU HEARD THAT I'VE BEEN CURSED, GENERAL?
YES, BECAUSE YOU KISSED ANOTHER GUY.
RELAX! IT DIDN'T MEAN ANYTHING.
MAYBE NOT TO YOU.
BUT IT WAS UNDER SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES.
WAS HE CHOKING?
NO, HE WAS FRENCH.

PICKLES

IT'S YOUR BROTHER LEON ON THE PHONE.
HE SAYS TODAY IS THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF HIS PICKLES COMIC STRIP THAT HE BASED ON US.
GREAT. ASK HIM IF HE'S GOING TO SEND US A BIG FAT ROYALTY CHECK TO THANK US FOR PROVIDING HIM WITH IDEAS ALL THESE YEARS.
I DON'T THINK SO. HE JUST HUNG UP.

FAMILY CIRCUS



DENNIS THE MENACE

BABY BLUES

I GOT RECOGNIZED TODAY FROM MY YOUTUBE VIDEOS.
WOW!
SHE EVEN ASKED FOR MY AUTOGRAPH!
YOU ARE IN BED WITH A CELEBRITY!
SHOULD I CHANGE MY HOLEY UNDERWEAR?

CURTIS

LISTEN TO THIS ONLINE AD...
SIX-PACK CHARMIN FOR THIRTY BUCKS AND ONE-OUNCE PURELL BOTTLES FOR SEVENTEEN BUCKS EACH
I PRAY THAT YOUR MOTHER AND I ARE RAISING YOU BOYS TO BE BETTER PEOPLE THAN THAT

ZITS

HAGAR THE HORRIBLE

MOTHER GOOSE & GRIMM

MUTTS

SALLY FORTH

HELLO! I'M HERE FOR THE HR CONSULTING POSITION.
OKAY.
EX...EXCUSE ME, BUT YOU LOOK VERY FAMILIAR. HAVE WE MET BEFORE?
YES.
WAIT, YOU'RE... YOU'RE...OH NO. OH NO.
ARE YOU MY NEW BOSS? CAN I GO HOME NOW?

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PRIME TIME TV

THURSDAY EVENING APR. 2

	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30
ABC (7) (13) (41) (57)	Wheel of Fortune	Station 19 "No Days Off" (N)		Grey's Anatomy "Sing It Again" (N)		:01 How to Get Away With Murder (N)	
CBS (2) (3) (22)	Ent. Tonight	Young Sheldon	Man With a Plan	:01 Mom (N)	Broke "Pilot"	Tommy "Vic" (N)	
NBC (5) (8) (16)	Ac. Hollywood	Superstore (N)	Brooklyn Nine-Nine	Will & Grace (N)	Indebted (N)	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit (N)	
FOX (17) (22) (28) (32)	Modern Family	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	:01 Mental Samurai "(P)"		Fox 17 News at 10:00PM (N)	
PBS (34)	Radar-Michigan	Poldark on Masterpiece		Father Brown Father Brown investigates.		To Be Announced	
CW (25)	Big Bang Theory	Katy Keene		Legacies Hope races against the clock.	News	Seinfeld	
MNT (39)	Family Feud	Chicago P.D. Platt is physically assaulted.		Law & Order: Criminal Intent "On Fire"		Law & Order: Criminal Intent "Tru Love"	
WCIU (26)	Mike & Molly	Katy Keene		Legacies Hope races against the clock.	2 Broke Girls	2 Broke Girls	
WHME (46)	:00 Heartland	Heartland "Coming Home"		Highway to Heaven "We Have Forever"		The List (N)	Celebrity Page (N)
WGN (9)	News	black-ish	black-ish	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	WGN News at Nine (N) (L)	
A&E	:00 The First 48	The First 48 "A Killer's Trail" (N)		Live PD: Wanted (N)		60 Days In "Champagne on Ice" (N)	
AMC	5:30 Jumanji	Major League ('89) Tom Berenger. A ragtag team tries to turn its poor performance around.				Footloose	
Animal	The Zoo	The Zoo: San Diego		The Zoo: San Diego		The Zoo: San Diego	
BET	:00 'Til Death Do Us Part ('17)				We Belong Together ('16)		
Big Ten	To Be Announced			To Be Announced		Big Ten	
Bravo	Housewives	Housewives/NYC		Housewives/NYC		Top Chef "Strokes of Genius" (N)	
Cartoon	Apple	Home	Burgers	Burgers	Rick	American	American
Cinemax	6:10 Signs	Doppelganger ('93) Drew Barrymore. (P).		:45 The Hills Have Eyes ('06) Aaron Stanford.			
CMT	Last Man	Gold Girls	Gold Girls	Gold Girls	Gold Girls	Gold Girls	Gold Girls
CNBC	Shark	Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Shark Tank	
CNN	OutFront	Anderson Cooper		Cuomo Prime Time		CNN Tonight	
Comedy	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office
Discovery	Afraid	Naked and Afraid		Rob Riggle: Global Investigator (N)		Moonshiners Tickle has a realization.	
Disney	Bunk'd	Bunk'd	Gabby	Sydney	Just Roll	Coop	Sydney
DIY	Pool	Insane Pools		Insane Pools		Insane Pools	
E!	Kardas	The Kardashians		Total Bellas		The Kardashians	
ESPN	To Be Announced			To Be Announced			
ESPN2	To Be Announced						
ESPNC	Baseball	Classic-Boxing		Classic-Boxing		Boxing	
Food	Food	Food Truck Race		Food Truck Race		Vegas Chef	
Fox News	The Story	Tucker Carlson		Hannity (N)		The Ingraham Angle	
Fox Sports	NHL Hockey: Canadiens at Red Wings				Red Wings	Live	Wingspan
Freefrm	6:30 Jumanji ('95, Children's) Robin Williams.			Siren "Borders" A new mermaid.		Siren A mysterious death is uncovered.	
FX	:00 X-Men: Apocalypse ('16, Action) James McAvoy, Michael Fassbender, Jennifer Lawrence.					Better Things Sam goes to a wedding.	
Golf	To Be Announced			To Be Announced			
Hallmark	Perfect Catch	Matching Hearts ('20, Romance) Taylor Cole, Ryan Paevey.				Golden Girls	Golden Girls
HBO	Die Hard 2 ('90)	To Be Announced		Yesterday ('19, Romance-Comedy) Himesh Patel, Lily James.			
History	Swamp	Swamp People		Swamp People (N)		Swamp People: Ser	
HGTV	Windy	Flip	Flip	Flipping	Flip	Hunters	Hunt Intl
Learning	Dr. Pim	Dr. Pimple Popper		Save My Skin (N)		My 600-Lb. Life (N)	
Lifetime	King of Queens	Married at First Sight The remaining couples go on a retreat. (N)				King of Queens	King of Queens
MSNBC	Decision	All In With		Rachel Maddow		The Last Word	
MTV	Jersey	Jersey Shore		Busch	Busch	Ridic.	Ridic.
NBCSCH	To Be Announced				TBA	SportsTalk Live	
NFL	NFL Total	A Football Life		A Football Life		A Football Life	
Nick	Danger	Dylan	Sponge.	Sponge.	Friends	Friends	Friends
NGEO	China	Alaska-Trooper		Alaska-Trooper		Alaska-Trooper	
Oxygen	:00 Killer Couples	Killer Couples (N)		In Ice Cold Blood ((F)) (N)		Snapped "Rebecca Smith"	
Parmt	6:30 Coming to America			Wife Swap (N)		Coming to America	
Showtime	Homeland "Threnody(s)" Carrie waits.			Den of Thieves ('18) Gerard Butler. Elite lawmen try to bring down a gang of tactical thieves.			
Starz	:33 Surf's Up ('07) Voices of Shia LaBeouf.			Night at the Museum: Battle of the Smithsonian ('09) Ben Stiller.			
STZENC	6:53 XXX ('02) Vin Diesel, Asia Argento.			American Gangster ('07) Denzel Washington. (P).			
SyFy	Pitch Black ('00) Radha Mitchell. Vicious creatures stalk the survivors of a spaceship crash.					John Wick ('14) (DVS)	
TBS	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory
TCM	Can't Fool	Panic in Needle Park ('71, Drama) Al Pacino, Kitty Winn.				The Taking of Pelham One Two Three	
TMC	Dead Water ('19)	Donnybrook ('18) Jamie Bell, Frank Grillo.		:45 Stone ('10) Robert De Niro, Edward Norton.			
TNT	:00 Bones	Rogue One: A Star Wars Story ('16) Felicity Jones.					
Travel	Ghost	Ghost Adventures		Ghost Adventures		The Dead Files (N)	
TV Land	Andy G.	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Two Men	Two Men
USA	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit		Chicago P.D. "Called in Dead"	
VH1	Obsessed	Cannon	Cannon	Cannon	Cannon	Cannon	Cannon
WGN-A	Married ... With	Married ... With	Married ... With	Married ... With	Married ... With	Married ... With	Married ... With

Man's closeness to mother puts distance in relationship

Jeanne Phillips
Dear Abby

DEAR ABBY: My boyfriend is 31 and still goes to his mother's house and spends the night, even though we live less than 15 minutes away. He knows it upsets me, yet every time she asks him to spend the night, he goes. He left our children home alone while I worked overnight because it was her birthday.

His relationship with his mother is a large part of why we aren't married, and the fact that he continues to spend the night there is leading to huge fights. Is this normal or not? – Fed Up In Ohio

DEAR FED UP: That your boyfriend would leave minor children alone and without supervision while he spends the night with his mother – birthday or not – is unusual. It would have been more logical for him to have invited his mother to your house to celebrate the occasion.

That said, you cannot control what your boyfriend does. I suspect there's a lot more wrong with your relationship than the fact that he hasn't emotionally separated from his mother. You two could benefit from couples counseling to sort out not only his relationship with his mother, but also your relationship with each other. If he won't go, go alone to get clarity on how to proceed with your future.

DEAR ABBY: I have a good friend who has a frustratingly bad habit. Every year, she makes a point of mentioning her upcoming birthday at least a couple of times a week, starting about four months before the day. It is never mentioned the rest of the year.

If I want to buy someone a birthday gift, I make the effort to find out when their special day is and act accordingly. If I don't wish to provide a gift, then no amount of nagging will guilt me into it. I do not want to end the friendship because she is an otherwise nice person and a good friend, but I'm sick of the nagging. Any suggestions on how to tactfully but effectively deal with this? – Nagged In Florida

DEAR NAGGED: The next time your friend starts up, respond by saying, "You have already told me." When she does it for the third time say, "You know, this is getting old. It looks like you are soliciting a gift." Then tell her if she keeps it up, you WON'T buy her one. I'll bet it works!

DEAR ABBY: Sometimes when my boyfriend and I go out with another couple and I'm talking, he abruptly says, "I never get a word in," or, "Can anyone else talk?" Abby, if I don't talk, he just sits there like a lump on a log. It's embarrassing, and I have asked him not to say that in front of other people. How should I respond when he makes cruel remarks in front of other people? – Awkward Silence In New York

DEAR AWKWARD: Is what your boyfriend says true? Or is it that he has trouble making social conversation? If that's the case, perhaps you should make more of an effort to draw the "lump" into the conversation. However, if it's not true, then what he's doing may be an effort to appear to be the dominant partner in your relationship.

When it happens again – and I'm betting it will – your response should be, "Ouch. That was hurtful and embarrassing. If you have a complaint about my behavior, please be considerate and make it privately."

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Fiance upset I won't change my last name to his

Carolyn Hax

DEAR CAROLYN: My fiance and I have been butting heads regarding changing my last name. I have the typical arguments for not wanting to change it, for my career, but it is complicated by the fact I work for a large multinational organization and have spent close to a decade building my career in this organization under this name. I am also the last in my family to have my maiden name and we believe it will die off with me.

My fiance does not sympathize and believes it is because I don't want to go through the hassle of going to court, changing all my documents, etc., and he argues that if society forced the male to change their name, he would do it, no questions asked.

He acknowledges that short of putting a gun to my head, he can't actually make me do anything, but he is quite upset we will not "look like a family" on paper. I am unsure of what else to tell him. Help? – Name

NAME: "If society forced the male to change their name"? Wha?

"Society" isn't forcing you to do it, either. And it's disheartening that he's OK with your paying a significant personal price to feed an "on paper" standard that is decades past being standard anyway.

It's even more disheartening that he treats you as disingenuous – you gave your reasons! He has decided you're not telling the truth. Wow.

If he doesn't think you're honest then why is he marrying you? And if he doesn't think you're honest, then why are you marrying him?

His problem-solving skills aren't so hot either: His taking your name would make you "look like a family" as surely as your taking his would.

Whatever you decide about the name is your business, but please don't budge on his accusations of dishonesty. Right now he's a no-go – as in, no-marry. There's no happiness in a marriage to someone who doesn't trust you or take you at your word – because it's never just about this one thing you're fighting about.

DEAR CAROLYN: A good friend of mine is going through a really hard time, and I see that his husband is getting burned out on playing the caretaker/firefighter role. I'd like to offer some sort of help to the husband, but we are not nearly as close and I'm afraid my friend might see this as a sort of betrayal (I won't go into specifics).

How can I do this? I'm afraid of what might happen to my friend if he loses his main support system. – Supporting

SUPPORTING: Figure out ways to help that would also take some weight off the husband; say, taking your friend on a day trip. Make the offer to your friend directly.

If your friend refuses, then you can say OK, another time – and then, next time Husband's name comes up in conversation, mention that you wonder how Husband is doing … does he ever need help?

I think there's an important distinction between seeking someone out to say something and taking advantage of a natural opening to say something.

We need a meddling scale that codifies degrees of intrusion.

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CROSSWORD

ACROSS
1 Grind one's teeth
6 Proboscises
11 Saffron dish
12 Accept eagerly (2 wds.)
13 Reach
14 Form a thought
15 Tree exudation
16 Church response
17 Microbe
19 Deface
23 Cry of disgust
26 Gaelic singing star
28 Toward the stern
29 Make known
31 Herd orphan
33 Scallion
34 Supplies electricity
35 Driving hazard
36 Actor — Montand
39 Alkali
40 What you pay at sales
42 Great Lakes port
44 Best or Ferber
46 Exists
51 Opened wide
54 Cookbook entry
55 Elevates
56 Harem jewelry
57 More reasonable
58 Check endorser

DOWN
1 Fence opening
2 Earns as profit
3 Asian mountains
4 Hurl
5 "Star Wars" rogue
6 Art class model
7 Harbingers
8 Mineral spring
9 Dine
10 Fr. holy woman
11 Golfer's benchmark
12 Crowbar
16 Prince Val's son
18 Electric fish
20 Cunning
21 Burning
22 Road map info
23 Picket —
24 Leafy vines
25 Want ad abbr.
27 Turmoil
29 Muddy the waters
30 Even one
32 Harry Potter's messenger
34 Chi follower
37 Markets
38 Hurler's stat
41 Sixth — Ms.
43 Verdugo
45 Fawn or doe
47 Gummy
48 Highly offensive
49 Rapier's kin
50 Congeal
51 Birthday no.
52 Battery size
53 Be victorious
54 Music genre

Answer to Previous Puzzle

			L	E	V	Y			C	H	E	S	S	
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	J	E	A	N		G	A	D		T	S	P		
				S	I	N	G	E						
	C	A	M	E	O		T	E	X	A	N	S		
	S	M	A	L	L		D	I	L	A	T	E		
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	S	C	E	N	T	S		E	M	O	T	E		
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JUMBLE

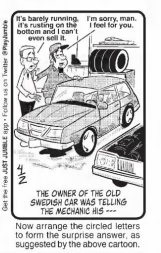
Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

SCABI

DYRAT

PONYCA

SPOGSI



Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Answer here: "_____"

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: KHAKI VERGE BONNET SNAPPY
Answer: When the scientist played an April Fool's joke on his monster, he was being a — "FRANKENSTEIN"

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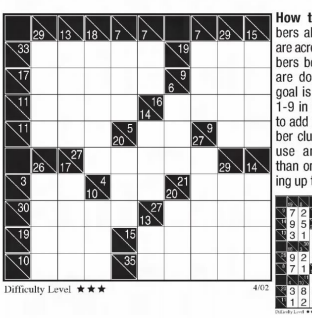
KAKURO



How to play: Numbers above the slash are across clues; numbers below the slash are down clues. The goal is to enter digits 1-9 in the white cells to add up to the number clues. You cannot use any digit more than once when adding up to a clue.

Difficulty Level ★★★

4/02

BRIDGE

When you pick up a really powerful hand, it gives you a momentary glow of pleasure. But then you wonder how to steer the bidding to find out what you need to know from partner.

East suffered badly on today's deal, which was reported in New Zealand Bridge. It occurred in Norfolk Island, an Australian territory to the north of New Zealand.

East had never seen a 28-point hand before. Trying not to smile, she opened one club, strong and artificial. South's overcall of one no-trump showed at least 5-5 in any two suits. West's two diamonds was natural and indicated fewer than 9 points (a debatable choice in my view). North was happy to compete with two hearts, expecting that to be one of his partner's suits. South's rebid of two spades was a surprise to North, but he handled it imaginatively and brilliantly. Knowing that East wouldn't sell out to two spades, North passed! Then, over three no-trump (East not knowing what else to do), North "sacrificed" in four spades.

East doubled, of course, but the contract was unbeatable. South ruffed the heart lead and immediately attacked clubs. East switched to the spade king, but declarer played a second club. South's 10 tricks were the spade ace, four diamond ruffs in the dummy, four heart ruffs in hand and a club.

Note that East-West can make six no-trump or seven hearts – but only if the latter contract is played by West.

When did you last bid and make a game with a combined 8 points?

North 04-02-20
♠ A 9 8 5 4 3
♥ 10 9 8 3
♦ —
♣ J 9 6

West
♠ —
♥ 6 5 4 2
♦ J 9 6 5 4
♣ K 8 5 3

East
♠ K Q
♥ A K Q J 7
♦ A K Q
♣ A 4 2

South
♠ J 10 7 6 2
♥ —
♦ 10 8 7 3 2
♣ Q 10 7

Dealer: East
Vulnerable: Both

South	West	North	East
			1♣
1NT	2♦	2♥	Dbl.
2♠	Pass	Pass	3NT
Pass	Pass	4♠	Dbl.
Pass	Pass	Pass	

Opening lead: ♥ 6

SUDOKU

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★☆☆

			1	7			2	9
	6			4	8			
	4		9	3				
4		1		8	2	7		3
				9				
8		9	7	5		6		1
				1	9		7	
			8	2			3	
7	9			6	4			

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How to play: Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9.

PREVIOUS SOLUTION

8	1	5	2	6	7	4	3	9
7	2	6	3	9	4	5	1	8
4	3	9	8	1	5	6	7	2
9	5	3	7	2	6	8	4	1
1	6	7	4	3	8	2	9	5
2	4	8	9	5	1	7	6	3
6	9	4	5	8	3	1	2	7
5	7	2	1	4	9	3	8	6
3	8	1	6	7	2	9	5	4

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KEELER TOWNSHIP ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

TO: RESIDENTS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF KEELER AND OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a public hearing before the Zoning Board of Appeals of the Township of Keeler, 64121 Territorial Road West, Hartford, MI 49057, Van Buren County, Michigan, will be held at Keeler Township Hall, on **April 21, 2020 at 7:30 p.m.,** to consider the application of Eric Fudala. The applicant request a variance for outdoor live music is reinstated as it was under prior ownership for the property at 66461 Timmons Rd., Dowagiac, MI 49047. The section of the Zoning Ordinance that pertains to this request is Section 3.33 C, Nonconforming Lots, Uses and Buildings, Keeler Township Zoning. The property is located at 66461 Timmons Rd., Dowagiac, MI 49047, which is a nonconforming business in a residential area, more fully described as follows:

Plat#807
Property I.D #80-12-170-158-01
Van Buren County, Michigan

BHF Company LLC (Lakeview Inn)
66461 Timmons Rd.
Dowagiac, MI 49047

PLEASE BE NOTIFIED that you are invite to attend the hearing and to protest your opinions or position concerning the subject of this hearing. If you are unable to attend the hearing, you may send a letter stating your opinions or positions to Keeler Township, Attn: Zoning Board of Appeals, 64121 Territorial Road West, Hartford, MI 49057. Letters must be received by April 21, 2020.

The Township of Keeler will provide the necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services to those individuals with disabilities who wish to attend the public meetings upon receiving at least one week's notice. Any individual requiring such aids or services should contact Keeler Township by writing or calling the following:
Carl F. Davis, Clerk, at 64121 Territorial Rd. W., Hartford, MI 49057, or by calling 269-621-6481.

NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that the application or petition describing the action or relief being sought and the Township of Keeler Zoning Ordinance are available for public inspection at the Township Hall during normal business hours, (currently business office is closed) on Wednesday's from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. You may contact Allyn Anthony, Zoning Administrator, at 63806 90th Avenue, Hartford, MI 49057 or by calling 269-424-5427, if you have any questions concerning the application for the variance request.

Due to the current governor's executive order the in person availability may not be allowed. Please contact the Zoning Administrator, Allyn Anthony to verify that the meeting will take place or delayed, It may have to be delayed or postponed to a later date. You may send an email or letter to the attention of the Zoning Administrator and all letters or emails will be given to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Send your emails to: keeler@cybersol.com or mail to 64121 Territorial Rd. W., Hartford, MI 49057.

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HOROSCOPE

By EUGENIA LAST

THURSDAY, APRIL 2

Keep the peace. Working alongside others is in your best interest. Personal improvement should be a priority this year, along with throwing yourself into something that not only excites you, but brings joy and satisfaction. Aim to please yourself as well as others.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Avoid getting involved in projects with people who don't share your sentiments. Equality and a strong work ethic will be essential if you want to get things done correctly and without conflict.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Time spent at home will bring you back to reality. Separating work from pleasure will be good for the soul and encourage you to spend more time with loved ones.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) How you handle peers, friends and family will make a difference. Stick to the truth and question anything that sounds suspicious. Facts matter, and choosing the right words will determine your success.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) An invitation may unnerve you, but attending the event in question will bring rewards. Get out and share your thoughts, and exciting options will be made available to you.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Choose to do your own thing and follow the path that offers the least amount of stress. Don't feel that you must make a change because someone else does.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Explore new possibilities. Networking will pay off. The connections you make will provide insight into the pluses and minuses of something you are considering. It's time to make personal improvements and to give romance a chance.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) You'll face controversy if you are too forthcoming with your opinions. Make your responsibilities priorities, and don't leave anything unfinished or open for criticism. Avoid a costly change or joint venture.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Refuse to get into a debate with one of your peers or relatives. Put greater emphasis on expanding your interests or knowledge, or on developing a creative project. Personal growth is favored.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Romance is evident. Be discriminating. Short-lived connections could turn out to be a disaster if someone isn't honest about his or her past. Concentrate on friendships, not on courtships.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) A change will do wonders for your outlook on life, love and happiness. Make time for a loved one or update your appearance and show off a trendy new look.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Look at all your options and consider what will make you happy. Don't do something that doesn't appeal to you just to please someone else. Put your needs first.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) You will be misled by someone or will unintentionally mislead others. Choose your words wisely and your gestures carefully. The right move will bring spectacular results.

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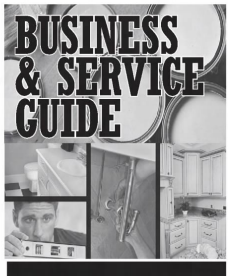

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IN BRIEF

Baroda Twp., village announce procedures

BARODA — After discussion with Michiana Recycling and the Baroda Township Board, it has been decided to postpone Large Trash Day that was scheduled for April 9, until further notice, according to a news release.

Regular trash pickup will remain and is now scheduled every Friday instead of Thursday.

In addition, Hess Park and Pavilion rentals are closed/cancelled until further notice. Also closed are Baroda Township Hall and hall rentals until further notice. The Municipal Building will remain closed until April 30, or until orders are lifted to reopen to the public.

Baroda Township will hold its board meeting on April 20 via Zoom Meetings. For details and instructions to join in, residents should follow the townships website/Facebook page closer to the date. For further information, contact the Municipal Building (422-2300), or email barodaclerk@gmail.com.

Baroda Village likewise will follow suit with closures, according to the release. Residents should check the Facebook and village website for updates. The village will be checking the drop box for water payments and will be checking email and voicemail daily. The April council and planning commission meetings have been cancelled. For further information, call the village clear at 422-1779, or email: clerk@barodavillage.org.

LaSata announces drawing contest for kids

LANSING — State Sen. Kim LaSata announced Wednesday a new drawing contest open to all schoolchildren in the 21st Senate District to submit a drawing of their favorite Michigan landmark, according to a news release.

"With our kids stuck at home because of the stay at home order, it has been a challenge to keep them engaged in educational enrichment activities," said LaSata, R-Bainbridge Township. "I hope that this drawing contest will inspire students to exhibit their talents and learn more about our great state and its landmarks."

The contest is open from April 6 through April 24. Only electronic submissions will be accepted, and the drawings should be emailed to SenKLaSata@senate.michigan.gov. All submissions should include the name, grade and hometown of the participant, as well as a parent's or guardian's name and phone number.

Questions about the contest should be directed to the above email address, or by phone at 517-373-6960.

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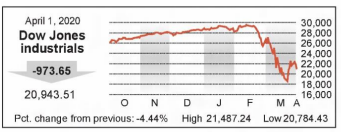

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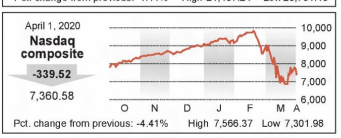

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AEP	AEP	65.14	104.97	74.57	-5.41	-6.8	▼	▼	▼
Apple Inc	AAPL	170.27	327.85	240.91	-13.38	-5.3	▼	▼	▼
AutoZone	AZO	684.91	1274.41	776.86	-69.14	-8.2	▼	▼	▼
BP PLC	BP	15.51	45.38	24.37	-.02	-0.1	▲	▼	▼
CMS Eng	CMS	46.03	69.12	55.71	-3.04	-5.2	▼	▼	▼
CocaCola	KO	36.27	60.07	42.12	-2.13	-4.8	▼	▼	▼
Comcast	CMCSA	31.71	47.74	32.42	-1.96	-5.7	▼	▼	▼
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Disney	DIS	79.07	153.41	94.92	-1.68	-1.7	▼	▼	▼
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GenElec	GE	5.90	13.26	7.04	-.90	-11.3	▼	▼	▼
HomeDp	HD	140.63	247.12	178.63	-8.05	-4.3	▼	▼	▼
HorizBcp	HBNC	7.42	19.48	9.04	-.82	-8.3	▼	▼	▼
HuntBncsh	HBAN	6.85	15.63	7.45	-.76	-9.3	▼	▼	▼
IDEX	IEX	104.56	178.14	133.20	-4.91	-3.6	▲	▼	▼
IBM	IBM	90.56	158.75	105.14	-5.79	-5.2	▼	▼	▼
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JohnJn	JNJ	109.16	154.50	128.81	-2.32	-1.8	▲	▼	▼
Lowes	LOW	60.00	126.73	80.42	-5.63	-6.5	▼	▼	▼
McDnlds	MCD	124.23	221.93	158.17	-7.18	-4.3	▼	▼	▼
Microsoft	MSFT	118.10	190.70	152.11	-5.60	-3.6	▲	▼	▼
MillerHer	MLHR	14.39	49.88	20.66	-1.54	-6.9	▼	▼	▼
Penney	JCP	0.36	1.47	.33	-.03	-9.2	▼	▼	▼
Perrigo	PRGO	40.17	63.86	45.11	-2.98	-6.2	▼	▼	▼
Pfizer	PFE	27.88	44.56	31.75	-.89	-2.7	▲	▼	▼
ProctGam	PG	94.34	128.09	109.33	-.67	-0.6	▼	▼	▼
RepubSvc	RSG	65.37	100.91	72.71	-2.35	-3.1	▼	▼	▼
Steelcse	SCS	7.02	23.02	8.80	-1.07	-10.8	▼	▼	▼
Stryker	SYK	124.54	226.30	144.67	-21.82	-13.1	▼	▼	▼
TCF Finl	TCF	16.96	47.46	21.02	-1.64	-7.2	▼	▼	▼
Target	TGT	70.03	130.24	95.27	+2.30	+2.5	▲	▼	▲
TractSupp	TSCO	63.89	114.25	84.00	-.55	-0.7	▲	▼	▼
UPS B	UPS	82.00	125.31	90.39	-3.03	-3.2	▼	▼	▼
VerizonCm	VZ	48.84	62.22	52.92	-.81	-1.5	▲	▼	▼
WEC Engy	WEC	68.01	109.53	83.52	-4.61	-5.2	▼	▼	▼
WalMart	WMT	98.15	128.08	114.14	+.52	+0.5	▲	▼	▲
WalgBoots	WBA	40.52	64.50	43.03	-2.72	-5.9	▼	▼	▼
Wendys Co	WEN	6.82	24.04	13.97	-.91	-6.1	▼	▼	▼
Whrlpl	WHR	64.00	163.64	80.60	-5.20	-6.1	▼	▼	▼
Worthgtn	WOR	19.28	44.69	24.69	-1.56	-5.9	▲	▼	▼
XPO Logis	XPO	38.47	100.18	46.20	-2.55	-5.2	▼	▼	▼

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OBITUARIES

Walter Lyle 'Bud' Baker

Oct. 7, 1945 - March 30, 2020

Walter Lyle "Bud" Baker, 74, of Coloma went to heaven "a shoutin'" on Monday, March 30, 2020, at Lakeland Medical Center, St. Joseph.

Bud was born Oct. 7, 1945, in Berrien County. He served our country proudly in the United States Army during the Vietnam War, and was one of Berrien County's most decorated veterans. During the war, he was shot 13 times in the chest, arm and leg at Bien Hoa. Despite that, he courageously fought to save his fellow soldiers, and received the Distinguished Service Cross. Upon returning from conflict, he became a pastor and chaplain, and was known as "Chaplain Bud" to those he helped over the years at Lakeland. He was a member of Full Gospel Assembly Church in Hartford, and was involved with the American Legion, Lest We Forget and Faith Christian Fellowship.

Bud married the former Daundra Holcomb on Dec. 20, 1980. She survives, along with two daughters, Victoria (Rick) Freeman of Sacramento, Calif., and Shonie (David) Ceri of Mishawaka, Ind.; son-in-law, Kelly Douglas of Oklahoma; nine grandchildren: William, Anthony, Sara, Missy, Jennifer, Michael, Samantha, Krissy and Kelly; 15 great-grandchildren; a sister, Dorlene of Alaska; and several beloved nieces and nephews.

Bud is preceded in passing by a daughter, Carmean Douglas; his parents, Francis and Hazel; a grandson, Jeremy Statler; and brothers and sisters: Sonny, Gene, Sharon Kay, Deloris, Bettie, Teddy and Ruth.

Bud will be cremated, and due to the current recommendations on the state and federal level, a public memorial service will be held at a later date. The family has entrusted Calvin Funeral Home, Hartford, with arrangements. Those wishing to leave memorial condolences for the family may do so at www.calvin-leonardfh.com.

Death notices

Betty Benedix, 90, of Benton Harbor died April 1, 2020. Brown Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Niles, 683-1155.

Austin McCarver, 91, of Watervliet died April 1, 2020, at South Haven Nursing and Rehabilitation Center. Duffield & Pastrick Family Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Coloma, 468-6000.

Judy Russell, 79, of Watervliet died April 1, 2020. Hutchins Funeral Home, Watervliet, 463-3811.

Sandra K. Spitzke

Oct. 25, 1962 - March 30, 2020

Sandra K. Spitzke, 57, of Baroda passed away on Monday, March 30, 2020, at West Woods of Bridgman.

A private family service will take place at Ruggles Cemetery. A Celebration of Life Service will take place at a later date. Those wishing to leave an online condolence may do so at www.starks-menchinger.com.

Sandra was born on Oct. 25, 1962, to Arnold and Dorothy (Kolberg) Spitzke. She graduated from Blossomland Learning Center and continued to work in their Gateway program. One of Sandra's proudest achievements was when she won a medal for cross country skiing for the Special Olympics in Utah. Sandra also enjoyed drawing, creating her own music on the guitar, synchronized swimming, bowling and dancing. Whenever she had the option of choosing what music to play, she always would pick polka music. Every day at 2 p.m. Sandra would turn on the TV to watch Rachel Ray, and then at 3 p.m. she would watch her favorite show, "The Ellen DeGeneres Show."

Sandra is survived by her mom, Dorothy Spitzke of Baroda; and brother, Donald (Jeanne) Spitzke of Baroda. Sandra is also survived by her nieces and nephews: Angela (Jeremy) Slater, Matthew (Andrea) Spitzke, Andrew Spitzke, Joseph (Marie) Plumley and Jennifer (Kyle) Simms.

She was preceded in death by her father, Arnold; and sister, Judy Spitzke Plumley.

Photos provided

Comedian Damon Wayans will now perform at Four Winds Casino Resort's Silver Creek Event Center on Aug. 8.

Melissa Etheridge's concert at Four Winds Casino Resort's Silver Creek Event Center has been moved from March 28 to Sept. 25.

Four Winds Casino reschedules 7 concerts

Casinos closed until further notice

By HP STAFF

NEW BUFFALO — Four Winds Casino has rescheduled several concerts that were postponed at the Silver Creek Event Center due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Tickets for the original dates are valid for the rescheduled concerts. For those who are unable to attend on the new dates, refunds are available at the point of purchase.

Tickets can be purchased online at www.fourwindscasino.com.

The rescheduled concerts include:

- Damon Wayans: moved from April 18 to Aug. 8.
- The Alan Parsons Live Project: moved from May 1 to Aug. 29.
- Little River Band: moved from March 21 to Sept. 4.
- Aaron Lewis: moved from April 4 to Sept. 18.
- Melissa Etheridge: moved from March 28 to Sept. 25.
- The Million Dollar Quartet: moved from April 24 to Oct. 24.
- Gladys Knight: moved from May 9 to Nov. 13.

Last Friday the Pokagon Gaming Authority extended the closure of all its casinos until further notice to prevent the spread, and minimize the potential impact of, the new coronavirus.

For more information, call 866-494-6371 or visit www.fourwindscasino.com.

Little River Band's March 21 concert at Four Winds Casino Resort's Silver Creek Event Center has been reset for Sept. 4.

Spectrum Health to hire 'hundreds' to prepare for surge

By BRIAN MCVICAR
mlive.com

GRAND RAPIDS — Facing a potential surge of coronavirus patients, Spectrum Health is reshuffling staff, hiring scores of temporary workers and asking recent retirees to return to work.

"We're preparing for the worst and hoping for the best," said Pamela Ries, chief human resources officer at Spectrum Health.

The Grand Rapids-based health system is seeking to "over hire" by adding "hundreds" of temporary positions, ranging from nurses and respiratory therapists to cleaning staff, at its network of 14 hospitals in 13 counties. Ries said Spectrum has "a lot of very talented and capable staff" but needs to be ready if patient demand spikes or workers need to rest, recharge or call in sick.

Spectrum in 2018 took over operations of Lakeland Health in Southwest Michigan.

"One of the reasons we're trying to over hire right now is we need to plan for the fact that some of our staff will become ill," Ries said. "We don't want that to affect our patient care abilities."

Based on its modeling, Spectrum says coronavirus cases in West Michigan could peak in early May, pushing demand for care beyond what it "or any health care system could handle." More than 9,000 people in Michigan have tested positive for coronavirus.

Eighty percent of the cases in Michigan are clustered in the state's three most populous counties – Wayne, Oakland and Macomb. In Kent County, there were 119 cases and two deaths. Meanwhile, Ottawa County has 31 cases and no reported deaths.

In addition to addressing staffing needs, hospitals are also adding additional beds to meet patient demand.

Spectrum has received approval from the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services to house 250 beds at Grand Valley State University's Cook-DeVos Center for Health Sciences. The health care system also received permission to add 37 beds to its Renucci Hospitality House.

Before Spectrum fills its temporary openings, it will first examine whether it can meet its needs by reshuffling existing employees, Ries said. As of now, the health care system has closed its walk-in clinics and suspended all non-emergency surgeries. That has freed up staff who can be redeployed to Spectrum's emergency department or intensive care units.

"What we're doing first is looking internally – who do we have that can be reassigned or redeployed, and in some of those cases, they maybe two weeks or less and in other cases it could be for the duration of the surge," Ries said.

In Grand Rapids, Spectrum Health has two adult acute care hospitals (Butterworth and Blodgett) and one children's hospital (Helen DeVos Children's Hospital). System-wide, it has 1,850 hospital beds.

Filling all of Spectrum's in-demand positions will be challenging, Ries said.

But while some people may be leery about putting themselves on the front lines of a global health pandemic, particularly when personal protective equipment is in short supply, others are eager to lend a hand, she said.

"I will tell you that we have a lot of people reaching out to us asking how they can apply – how they can help – who have the credentials that we need," she said. "We're really getting a lot of outreach from folks who either had worked here in the past or maybe were retired."

Recently, she and her colleagues have combed through lists of people who have retired from Spectrum over the past two years, and reaching out to those who have the necessary skills. Some of the retirees were interested in the offer and "are definitely ready to go," Ries said.

DO YOU REMEMBER?

25 years ago - 1995

Benton Township police announced early today they had arrested a Benton Harbor man in connection with the slaying of a Red Lobster associate manager the day before, but further details were unknown. Detective Lt. Tom Street indicated robbery may have been the motive for the slaying. The restaurant, on Pipestone near the Orchards Mall, was closed all day Saturday and wasn't expected to be open today.

35 years ago - 1985

St. Joseph city police will begin ticketing joggers who create traffic hazards by not following basic traffic rules, City Manager William Sinclair told the city commission yesterday.

According to Patrolman Rick Smiedendorf, joggers will be ticketed for impeding or interfering with the normal flow of traffic, disobeying traffic control signals at intersections, and running in a street when sidewalks are available on either side of the street. If sidewalks are not available, joggers who use the streets must run against traffic.

50 years ago - 1970

The St. Joseph Catholic and Watervliet school boards have approved a new program for seventh and eighth grade students at St. Joseph Catholic School in Watervliet to attend a limited number of classes next year at Watervliet Middle School to help expand St. Joseph Catholic's curriculum.

Under the program, parochial school students will attend the middle school for two class periods daily for science, physical education and band.

TODAY IN HISTORY

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Thursday, April 2, the 93rd day of 2020. There are 273 days left in the year.

Highlight in history:

On April 2, 1865, Confederate President Jefferson Davis and most of his Cabinet fled the Confederate capital of Richmond, Virginia, because of advancing Union forces.

On this date:

In 1513, Spanish explorer Juan Ponce de Leon and his expedition landed in present-day Florida. (Some historians say the landing actually occurred the next day, on April 3.)

In 1792, Congress passed the Coinage Act, which authorized establishment of the U.S. Mint.

In 1912, the just-completed RMS Titanic left Belfast to begin its sea trials eight days before the start of its ill-fated maiden voyage.

In 1917, President Woodrow Wilson asked Congress to declare war against Germany, saying, "The world must be made safe for democracy." (Congress declared war four days later.)

In 1956, the soap operas "As the World Turns" and "The Edge of Night" premiered on CBS-TV.

In 1958, the term "beatnik" was coined by San Francisco Chronicle columnist Herb Caen to refer to members of the pre-hippie counterculture; the term was inspired by the "Beat Generation" and by the Soviet launch of its second Sputnik spacecraft.

5-Day Forecast for St. Joseph

Today	Tonight	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday
Partly Cloudy	Mostly Cloudy	Mostly Cloudy	Few Showers	Chance Showers	Few Showers
51°	40°	56° / 46°	49° / 41°	50° / 44°	56° / 50°

Local Outlook

Today we will see partly cloudy skies, high temperature of 51°, humidity of 59%. Northwest wind 1 to 5 mph. Expect mostly cloudy skies tonight, overnight low of 40°. East wind 2 to 5 mph. Friday, skies will be mostly cloudy, high of 56°, humidity of 56%.

Sun and Moon

Sunrise	7:25 a.m.
Sunset	8:13 p.m.
Moonrise	1:41 p.m.
Moonset	4:17 a.m.

Full	Last	New	First
4/7	4/14	4/22	4/30

Local Almanac

Benton Harbor Yesterday

Temperature

High	49°
Low	36°
Normal High	54°
Normal Low	34°
Record High	82° in 2010
Record Low	22° in 2011

Precipitation

Yesterday	0.00"
Month to date	0.00"
Normal for month	0.09"
Year to date	6.89"
Normal Year to date	5.74"

Air Quality

Yesterday	27
Main Offender	Ozone

The higher the number, the greater the need for people with respiratory problems to reduce outside activity.

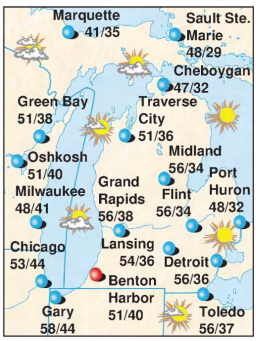
0-50	Good
51-100	Moderate
101-150	Sensitive
151-200	Unhealthy

Weather Trivia

Based on average wind speed, which location in the U.S. is the windiest?

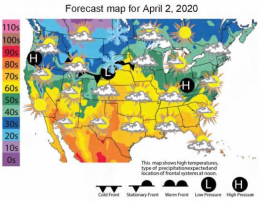
ANSWER: Mt. Washington, N.H., with an average wind speed of 35.3 mph.

Regional Map



National Weather Map

Forecast map for April 2, 2020



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Lake Michigan

Today, Variable winds 5 kt or less. Waves around 1 ft. Water temperature 36 degrees. Tonight, NE wind around 6 kt. Mostly cloudy. Waves around 1 ft.

Michigan Forecast

Upper Peninsula

Today, skies will be partly cloudy to mostly cloudy with highs in the 40s and 50s. Light winds. Expect mostly cloudy skies Friday with isolated rain, highs in the 40s and 50s. East wind 5 mph.

Lower Peninsula

Today, skies will be mostly sunny to partly cloudy with highs in the 40s and 50s. Northwest wind 1 to 5 mph. Expect partly cloudy skies Friday with highs from the 40s to the 60s. Southeast wind 5 mph.

CANCELED

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disappointed that we won't be able to shine a light on Southwest Michigan this year, but we get a chance to do it again in 2022 and 2024," Senior PGA Championship Director Ryan Ogle said in a news release. "The fact that we've already done it four times and get to do it again is something we're really excited about."

Last month, all remaining events on the PGA Tour Champions scheduled prior to the Senior PGA Championship were postponed or canceled. KitchenAid and the PGA said they are committed to following health guidelines, and the uncertainty about the future made rescheduling the event impossible.

"This was not an easy decision," said Jeff Fettig, former Whirlpool CEO and current chairman of the Senior PGA Championship, in the release. "We know how much this championship means to our Southwest Michigan community, and the positive impact it has on our local economy, however the health and safety of our community is our priority. We will miss the players and fans, who have all become welcomed extensions of our community over the years. While we are incredibly disappointed that the championship will not return to Benton Harbor in 2020, we know that this is the right thing to do."

Don Campbell / HP file photo

ABOVE: Paul Broadhurst wins the 79th KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship in 2018 at The Golf Cub at Harbor Shores.

RIGHT: Paul Broadhurst holds the Alfred S. Bourne trophy after winning the 79th KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship in 2018.

Ogle said that he's "not going anywhere" and will turn his focus to planning the 2022 event in the near future.

"I thought we had some great plans for 2020, and we'll kind of double down on those for 2022," Ogle said. "We'll try to yet again grow it and have a positive impact. This gives us a chance to keep building on the excitement we've had and make 2022 the best yet."

This year's tournament would've been the 81st Senior PGA Championship. The event was canceled 1943 and 1944 due to World War II, but has been held regularly since. Two tournaments were held in 1979 and 1984 and none in 1983 and 1985, as the championship was played in the winter months prior to a 2001 move to the spring.

Information on ticket refunds is available at srpga.com.

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Photo provided

Omri Geva, the creator of "Aureum: An Aerial and Acrobatic Adventure Tale," will join the Remotely Interested series on Saturday for a Q&A about the show.

SERIES

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To support this unique series, visit www.themendelcenter.com/remotely-interested. The Mendel Center is paying each artist. Contributions help cover those payments, and other associated costs of the series.

All in-person events at The Mendel Center have been postponed through May 10.

For more information, or dates for rescheduled performances, visit www.the mendelcenter.com.

LEADERS

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eyes to this area on NBC and the Golf Channel," Cleveland said. "It allows the people here to experience a world class operation in their own backyard."

He said the weeklong event brings tens of millions of dollars to businesses. Chief among them are restaurants and hotels.

"It's a big week that only comes every other year," he said. "It works as a special kick-off to the summer."

Cleveland said he's not surprised by the decision, in light of Michigan and other states issuing stay-at-home order to try to stem the spread of the coronavirus.

"There is so much more to it than just that one week," Cleveland said. "It's the month or two leading up to the event where workers and volunteers begin transforming the golf course. It's not like they can wait and cancel it two weeks beforehand."

The tournament's cancellation affects more than businesses.

Cornerstone Alliance uses the tournament as an opportunity to host site consultants who hold sway within companies looking to relocate to other cities and states.

"We were planning on bringing guests in for plant tours at Cook (Nuclear Plant) and Whirlpool," Cleveland said. "We bring in these guests from around the country to give them a unique experience. It's our region's Super Bowl."

Arthur Havlicek, president of Southwest Michigan Regional Chamber, echoed Cleveland's sentiments.

He said one of the benefits the national event brings to chamber members and businesses is how often visitors explore neighboring towns when they're not on the golf course.

"Whenever we get someone to come here, we're confident we can get them to come back," Havlicek said. "Not having that draw hampers us in the long run."

Havlicek said there has obviously been concern that this year's Senior PGA event would be canceled or postponed. Now that it's a reality, he said businesses can only focus on when it returns.

"Every person I've talked to, the No. 1 priority is the health and safety of our residents and anyone who would visit," Havlicek said. "You can't put a price on that type of exposure. The hardest decision and the right decision are often the same."

Benton Harbor Mayor Marcus Muhammad was likewise supportive. "We completely support the PGA and KitchenAid in their decision to cancel the championship, and we appreciate the diligent and thoughtful way in which they have handled this situation," said Muhammad in a news release. "We take great pride in our city, and are looking forward to hosting the championship and showcasing all that Benton Harbor has to offer when the time is right."

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